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SUBJECT: SYRIAN ENTITY OF PROLIFERATION CONCERN SEEKS
ALUMINUM FROM CHINESE FIRM (S)

Classified By: ISN/MTR DIRECTOR PAM DURHAM FOR REASONS
1.4 (B), (C), AND (D).

11. (U) This is an action request. Embassy Beijing
please see paragraph 3.

12. (S) Background and Objectives: The U.S. has
information indicating that in early 2008, Syria's
Industrial Solutions placed an order with the Chinese
firm Shanghai Yuanshan Industry and Trade Company for a
consignment of 2024-T6 aluminum. Industrial Solutions
is a cover for the Scientific Studies and Research
Center (SSRC), the entity responsible for overseeing
Syria's ballistic missile program. 2024-T6 aluminum
can be used to produce structural components in
ballistic missiles and in some forms is controlled by
the Nuclear Suppliers Group and Wassenaar Arrangement.
We want to share this information with Chinese
officials and urge them to take all appropriate
measures to ensure that Shanghai Yuanshan Industry and
Trade Company is not acting as a supplier to Syrian
entities of proliferation concern. We also want to
advise the PRC that sanctions pursuant to U.S. law
could be imposed on Shanghai Yuanshan Industry and
Trade Company if the firm is found to have supplied
Syria with regime-controlled items.

13. (U) Action Request: Request Embassy Beijing
approach appropriate Chinese government officials to
deliver talking points/non-paper in paragraph 4 below
and report response. Talking points also may be
provided as a non-paper.

14. (S) Begin talking points/non-paper:

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-- We would like to alert you to information of
potential proliferation concern and request your
assistance in investigating this activity.

-- The U.S. has information that in early 2008, the
Syrian company Industrial Solutions placed an order for
type 2024-T6 aluminum from the Chinese company Shanghai
Yuanshan Industry and Trade Company.

-- We are bringing this activity to your attention
because we believe this material is intended to support
Syria's missile development efforts.

-- The 2024-T6 aluminum sought by Industrial Solutions
could be used in a missile program to manufacture
structural components such as instrument mounting
plates, actuator mounts or load bearing components.

-- Industrial Solutions is a cover company for the
Scientific Studies and Research Center (SSRC), which is
the entity responsible for overseeing Syria's ballistic

missile program. In some forms, 2024-T6 aluminum is controlled by the Nuclear Suppliers Group and the Wassenaar Arrangement.

-- We urge you to immediately investigate this information and use all available measures to ensure that Chinese entities are not acting as sources of sensitive materials for Syria's ballistic missile program.

-- We also want to advise you that sanctions pursuant to the U.S. Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act could be imposed on Shanghai Yuanshan Industry and Trade Company if the firm is found to have supplied Syria with regime-controlled materials.

-- We look forward to future cooperation on nonproliferation issues and to hearing of the actions your government takes in response to this information.

End talking points/nonpaper.

15. (U) Please contact ISN/MTR's John Paul Herrmann with any questions or follow-up issues related to this case (202-647-1430 - herrmannjp@state.sgov.gov) and slug any reporting on this issue for ISN/MTR and EAP/CM.

16. (U) A word version of this document will be posted at www.state.sgov.gov/demarche.
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